

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                               |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance              |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. Claims 1-to-20 are pending in the application.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. Claims 1-to-20 are allowable over the prior art of record because the cited references do not contain the specified limitation of a receiver for a spread spectrum communication system comprising: an acquiring circuit that periodically acquires in synchronization a plurality of signals received via a plurality of different paths from a transmitter; a plurality of tracking circuits that respectively track in synchronization a predetermined number of signals from among the plurality of signals acquired by the acquiring circuit; a judging circuit that judges whether present propagation conditions and past propagation conditions of the predetermined signals tracked by the plurality of tracking circuits are good or bad; a selecting circuit that selects the predetermined number of signals from the plurality of signals acquired by the acquiring circuit, based upon the present propagation condition and the past propagation condition of the signals judged by the judging circuit, to allow the plurality of tracking circuits to track the predetermined number of signals selected by the selecting circuit; a plurality of first flags, each corresponding to a respective one of said synchronization tracking circuits, each of the first flags being brought into a flag-off condition upon initiation of a synchronization acquiring operation and into a flag-on condition when a synchronizing position of a reception response agrees with a synchronizing position being tracked by a the corresponding one of said

synchronizing tracking circuits; and a plurality of second flags each corresponding to a respective one of said synchronization tracing circuits, each of the second flags being brought into the flag-on condition when a synchronizing position is allocated to the corresponding one of said synchronization tracking circuits and into the flag off condition when the synchronizing position of the reception response agrees with the synchronizing position being tracked by the corresponding one of said synchronizing tracking circuits during a subsequent synchronization acquiring operation, each of the second flags being kept in the flag-off condition until the synchronizing position is allocated to the corresponding one of said synchronization tracking circuits.


### ***Conclusion***

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sudhanshu C. Pathak whose telephone number is (571)-272-3038. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 9am-6pm.
  - If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Chin can be reached on (571)-272-3056
  - The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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